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[REDACTED] 421 locomotive column personnel had been found to be unsuited for their assignments and [REDACTED] were replaced by qualified personnel selected from the various railroad headquarters after 1 July 1951. (1) The locomotive column personnel is composed of 120 brigades and 10 additional brigades for personnel on leave or sick. This adds up to a total of 390 locomotive engineers, 390 firemen, 260 chief conductors, 260 conductors and 130 rolling stock foremen. (2)

2. It has not been possible to date to bring the 130 brigades up to authorized strength and transit operations are detrimentally affected by lack of personnel. As of 1 October 1951, locomotive columns were short of the following personnel:

a. Locomotive columns in Frankfurt/Oder:

Locomotive engineers	23
Firemen	36
Chief conductors	42
Conductors	42
Rolling stock foremen	26

Total 169

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b. Locomotive Column No 10 in Cottbus:

Locomotive engineers	4
Firemen	1
Conductors	11
Rolling stock foremen	4
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Total	20

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c. Locomotive Column No 11 in Hoyerswerda:

Locomotive engineers	20
Firemen	13
Chief conductors	6
Conductors	6
Rolling stock foremen	5
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Total	50 (3)

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3.

[REDACTED] Locomotive Columns  
No 2, 4, 5 and 8 in Frankfurt/Oder are still operational.

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4.

[REDACTED] only two locomotive columns were  
operating from Frankfurt/Oder in October 1951. These two columns, which  
were established by merging the locomotive columns previously existing in  
Frankfurt/Oder, were equipped with 200 locomotives including 80 on missions  
and 120 ready for employment. (4)

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5.

On 29 and 30 October 1951, [REDACTED] the status of the reserve  
locomotives parked at Strassburg and Ducherow railroad stations had not  
changed and that Locomotive Column No 3 had not returned to Ruednitz rail-  
road station where it had previously been parked. (5)

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6.

- a. On 12 November 1951, Locomotive Columns Nos 6 and 12 with a total of 32 locomotives were parked at Strasburg and Blumenhagen. They were cold and the connecting rods of the locomotives had been removed.
- b. The locomotives of Locomotive Column No 13 were being kept cold in Ducherow on three tracks on 23 November 1951. The connecting rods of these locomotives had been removed.
- c. The locomotives of Locomotive Column No 3 were again parked in Ruednitz on 27 November 1951. (6)

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Comments.

- (1) Since 1 October 1950, all locomotive columns have been assigned to the Fernbetriebswerk Ost (Long Distance Operations Office, East) at the Frankfurt/Oder marshaling yard. The check-up of the locomotive column personnel, which has been under way since 1 July 1951 has been reported previously.
- (2) These data confirm that a locomotive brigade is composed of 11 men including 3 locomotive engineers, 3 firemen, 2 chief conductors, 2 conductors and 1 rolling stock foreman.
- (3) The locomotive column personnel in Frankfurt/Oder are assigned to operational Locomotive Columns Nos 2, 4, 5, and 8, which are stationed at Frankfurt/Oder marshaling yard. Locomotive Columns Nos 10 and 11 [redacted] at the locations listed up to November 1951.
- (4) This statement requires confirmation. If it is correct, the consolidation has probably been done for organizational reasons.
- (5) These locomotives, equipment of deactivated Locomotive Columns Nos 6 and 12, are being kept cold as a reserve.
- (6) The locomotives of deactivated Locomotive Column No 3, which had been parked in reserve and kept ready but cold were released for an undetermined employment since 5 July 1951. It appears that they returned to their previous station in Ruednitz in the course of November.

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